

dred men fit for duty in this regiment. The men had suffered very much from measles, diarrhœa, dysentery, some pneumonia and typhoid fever; but were, just now, suffering principally from chills and fever, and, in this state of things, had not proper or sufficient medical supplies, there being but one ounce of quinine in the regiment, which, for four hundred sick men would be just one grain 80-400 of a grain for each man. On my return to Richmond, I made such a representation of these facts to the Surgeon General of the Confederate States as induces me to believe they will be speedily remedied.

In the first regiment there is not quite so much sickness, but there is but one surgeon, Dr. Baker, the first assistant surgeon, to attend to them. Dr. Hines, the surgeon, is on sick leave, besides having been almost wholly detached from the regiment since it first went to Yorktown for special post duty; while Dr. Hardy, the second assistant surgeon, is sick at home, in Asheville. This regiment is not suffering for medical supplies like the fifth, yet it also requires an additional supply of surgeons.

While in Richmond I learned that there was a great deal of sickness in our regiments at Manassas, and that many of our surgeons were sick and absent from their regiments, and that the 11th volunteers was poorly off for medical supplies. From this regiment the surgeon and 1st assistant were both absent.

In regard to the establishment of a General Hospital at some suitable point in Virginia, for the convenience and welfare of our troops, I would respectfully suggest that the legislature be asked to order the expenditure of such amounts for this purpose as may be found absolutely necessary. Upon this subject we shall have a report from Dr. Will. T. Howard, of Warrenton, in the course of the next three days, which will be immediately handed in. Dr. Howard, you will recollect, was, under your directions, ordered by me to proceed to Richmond, and thoroughly investigate this matter, and re-